

REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action of March 17, 2008 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claims 7-12 have been examined. These have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) by Hauhia, U.S. Patent No. 7,058,542.

U.S. Patent No. 7,058,542 relates to device diagnostics in industrial processes comprising field devices employing a field bus. A remote diagnostics device (1) is placed in connection with the process device (2), separate from the field devices and the field bus. The remote diagnostics device comprises diagnostics electronics which collects diagnostics data relating to the process device, and a transmitter part for wireless (17) transmission of the diagnostics data to a nearby field device. The field device comprises a receiver part (41) for wireless (17) reception of the diagnostics data from the remote diagnostics device (1). A field device control unit (430) analyzes the received diagnostics data and transmits a diagnostics report over a field bus interface (44) and the field bus to a diagnostics computer.

New claim 13 defines a method which is much more specific than the discussion accompanying the rejection under 35 USC 102(e), found on page 2 of the Office Action. Claim 13 defines a method which includes conducting an evaluation using the exchange data. No such method step is disclosed in Hauhia as is clear from the discussion given above regarding Hauhia. Other possibilities are recited in new claim 13, which are likewise not taught by Hauhia.

Accordingly, the rejection of claims 7 - 12 is respectfully traversed. New claims 13 and 14 are being submitted to advance prosecution by more clearly defining the present invention over Hauhia.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and re-examination are respectfully requested and claims 13 and 14 found allowable.

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Respectfully submitted,

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